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SUBJ: REACTION TO KADAR TRIP TO USSR

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1. HUNGARIAN PRESS SEPT. 27 REPORTING ON KADAR'S VISIT TO MOSCOW HIGHLIGHTED BY ARTICLES FILLED WITH PRAISE OF SOVIETS AND STATEMENTS CLAIMING "TALKS MARKED BY CLEAR UNITY AND IDENTITY OF VIEWS IN ALL IMPORTANT THEORETICAL AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS IN A WAY THAT CANNOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD".

2. NEPSZABADSAG CARRIES ARTICLE BY PAPER'S TOP CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW AND BY PETER VAJDA, DEPUTY EDITOR AND A HIGHLY AUTHORITATIVE POLITICAL COMMENTATOR, QUOTING FROM EFFUSIVE PRAISE BESTOWED

ON KADAR BY BREZHNEV AND MAN ON STREET. ONE SOVIET WELL-WISHER QUOTED AS PRAISING KADAR FOR HIS
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STATEMENT THAT "THERE IS NOT AND CANNOT BE ANTI-SOVIET

COMMUNISM". PARTY LEADER IN SOVIET FACTORY (NOT BEING VISITED ON THIS TRIP) ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING PICTURES OF KADAR WOULD HANG ON WALL UNTIL HE REVISITS PLANT.

3. EMPHASIS ON KADAR'S CONTINUING LEADERSHIP OF HSWP AND SOVIETS' GREAT SUPPORT FOR HIM IS INDEED QUITE INTERESTING. ON SURFACE PRESS TREATMENT APPEARS TO BE EFFORT BY HSWP TO CURB RUMORS THAT KADAR WILL BE REPLACED AND TO ASSURE ANXIOUS HUNGARIAN PEOPLE THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS TO REMOVE HIM FROM HUNGARIAN SCENE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, HOWEVER, WHETHER HE WILL CONTINUE AS IN PAST AS PARTY FIRST SECRETARY AND ITS RESPECTED LEADER, OR WHETHER HE WILL BE PUSHED UPSTAIRS TO A LARGELY HONORARY POST WITH NO REAL INFLUENCE OR POWER, AS SOME HUNGARIANS ARE PREDICTING.
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